

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

No claims are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 20, 26, 34, 41, 50 and 56 are currently being amended.

No claims are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1 - 56 are now pending in this application.

Various claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) under Rossen or under 35 U.S.C. 103 under Rossen in view of Himmel et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Rossen discloses a remote printer control wherein remotely generated print jobs are stored at a printer and activated from a workstation via a browser interface. The Rossen configuration allows a user to browse to the printer web site and initiate printing at will. There is no “getting a direct or indirect reference to a destination that is not predetermined by a current site and is based on user information in a user profile accessed via a user profile store.” In Rossen as with any other normal web site operation, one browses to the web site, and the web page has links that are predetermined, such as a button to print at the printer associated with that web site.

In contrast, the present claims require that the destination not be predetermined by a current site, but rather that the destination is determined by settings for the particular user at a service that represents the user. Specifically, the claims have been amended to clarify that the destination is not predetermined by a current site and is based on user information in a user profile accessed via a user profile store. Note that “user profile store” is defined in the specification as a network service in paragraphs 49 and 89. In an example scenario in accordance with this claim language, the user would browse to the web site “MAPQUEST,” and after obtaining a desired map, would click the print button on the site web page. In a normal

system, the desired map would be printed at the user's printer associated with his computer. In the Rossen system, the map would be stored at the Rossen printer and then printed at the Rossen printer. In contrast, in accordance with the claim language, the printer destination is not predetermined by a current web page, as in Rossen. And is not a default as set out by the user's computer. Rather, the destination is determined by a user profile accessed via a network service called a user profile store that is distinct from the current site. In other words, there is a network service that represents the user and is accessible by other devices on the network.

Himmel et al. does not rectify the deficiencies of Rossen et al. Himmel describes a system wherein a set of bookmarks can be downloaded to a client browser as a unit. In operation of Himmel, when a search query is received from a client, the query is searched for key words, and a bookmark set is obtained and downloaded based on any key words found in the query. Himmel does not teach a destination that "is based on user information in a user profile accessed via a user profile store," i.e., Himmel does not teach a network service that represents the user and is accessible by other devices on the network, and is used to obtain the destination.

The various dependent claims set forth additional limitations which make each such claim allowable also for these additional limitations.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

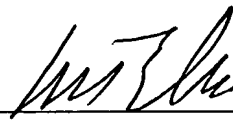
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

A method and program product for redirecting a browser is disclosed. In one embodiment the method comprises a first step ~~, comprising the steps of~~ [[;]] receiving redirection initiation to redirect the browser. A second step of the embodiment comprises [[;]]getting a direct or indirect reference to a destination. A third step of the embodiment comprises ~~;~~ and causing the browser to browse to that destination. Various example embodiments comprise a printer list destination, a printer destination, and a print now destination.